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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Brian Shelton

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 Jan. 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 4, 6
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Peterson.

Regarding claims 1, 6 and 11, Peterson discloses a method, corresponding computer program and corresponding system for identifying a plurality of events which are played back simultaneously on a plurality of networked client apparatuses (col. 2, lines 26-41), comprising

- (a) providing a plurality of events stored in memory (medium **10**) on a plurality of client apparatuses (controller **14**; see col. 2, lines 46-54 disclosing system methodology including multiple consumers, comprising multiple events and client apparatuses), the events each having a unique identifier associated therewith and stored in memory (identifier **24**; see col. 5, lines 30-35), wherein the client apparatuses are adapted to be coupled to a host computer (authorization center **16**) via a network (PTSN **18**; see col. 8, lines 13-16);

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- (b) ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in memory of the client apparatuses utilizing the network (col. 8, lines 18-27, disclosing transmission of identifier **24** to server **60** and return of authorization granted message comprising identifier **24** of secured content **28**);
- (c) comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled event (col. 8, lines 23-26; col. 8, lines 41-47 describing the scheduled (premier) event time and date; see col. 8, line 66 - col. 9, line 5 describing comparison of content **28** associated with identifier **24** to authorization list **56**); and
- (d) beginning playback of the event on each of the client apparatuses if the comparison renders a match (col. 9, lines 18-21; see col. 2, lines 54-58, disclosing playback on or after premier event time).

As for claims 2, 7, and 12, Peterson discloses the event including a video and audio presentation (col. 2, lines 46-50).

As for claims 3, 8, and 13, Peterson discloses the event including a movie (col. 2, lines 46-50).

As for claims 4, 9, and 14, Peterson discloses a wide area network (PTSN 18, col. 8, lines 12-17).

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As for claims 5, 10, and 15, Peterson discloses the memory including a digital video disk (col. 5, lines 24-27).

### ***Conclusion***

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the primary examiner, Christopher Grant can be reached on (703) 305-4755. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

Brian Shelton  
Examiner  
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PRIMARY EXAMINER